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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

Special Inaugural edition

# Bomb threat evacuates Carman Hall

By **Shauna Gustafson**  
Staff writer

About 600 Carman Hall residents were evacuated Thursday night after a bomb threat was made.

Resident assistants pounded on doors in both towers instructing residents to leave the building.

The front desk of Carman Hall

received a phone call at approximately 9:35 p.m., from someone saying there was a bomb in the building and residents had a limited amount of time to evacuate, said Adam Due, assistant chief of the University Police Department.

Police would not release the amount of time they were given to evacuate the building.

"We evacuated the building as quickly as we could," Due said.

UPD, the Charleston Police Department and the Charleston Fire Department all responded to the call.

Due said, both RA's and police officers knocked on residents doors, telling them they had to leave the building immediately.

"We got a call and we told all of

our residents to evacuate," said Angie Alfano, a junior early childhood and elementary education major and an RA on the eighth floor of Carman's north tower.

RA's continued to evacuate, until they too were forced to leave the building.

Residents were allowed back into the building between 10:10 and

10:15 p.m.

In addition to RA's doing their normal rounds, police officers also were in the building for the remainder of the night, Due said.

As residents filed back into the building, many were concerned

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# Making it official

## Formal inauguration ceremony for Eastern's eighth president to be held today

By **Matt Neistein**  
City editor

Eastern will hold its first inaugural ceremony in 15 years Friday, officially naming Carol Surles Eastern's eighth president, and its organizers expect it to be a "spectacular event."

The theme of the inauguration, which will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Lantz Gymnasium, is "Traditions and New Beginnings," and according to Shelly Flock, Eastern's director of media relations, it signifies "Eastern's rich heritage and promise for the future."

"It provides an opportunity to recall the past, celebrate the present and prepare for the future," Flock said.

The last Eastern president to have an inaugural ceremony was Stan Rives in 1984, although his ceremony was a part of Spring Commencement and therefore handled differently. Eastern's last president, David Jorns, was officially welcomed to campus at a special public reception in November 1992.

All of Eastern's eight sitting presidents have been officially honored one way or the other, Flock said, although inaugurations are "a bit more elaborate" than commencement ceremonies.

"An inauguration is a formal ceremony through which a new president is formally endowed with the powers and responsibilities of office," she said.

Surles said her appointment on the eve of the year 2000 was a special one.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead Eastern into the new millennium," she said in a written statement.

Carl Koerner, chairman of Eastern's Board of Trustees, will welcome the audience and introduce speakers, including Sen. Judy Myers and Rep. Dale Righter; Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education; Bonnie Irwin, chair of the Faculty Senate; and Hazel Loucks, deputy governor for education and work force in Illinois.

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# Faculty, staff views mixed on ceremony

The inauguration of Eastern President Carol Surles has created a variety of opinions because of the current state of the University Professionals of Illinois and the administration bargaining team's disagreements about contract negotiations.

Many faculty members said they would not like to comment because of the ongoing negotiations with the administration.

Jeffrey Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs, said he enjoyed attending the inaugural keynote address Wednesday and agreed with what Stan Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education and President Emeritus for the University of Illinois, had to say.

"I agreed with what Dr. Ikenberry had to say. It is an immense privilege to serve an institution of higher learning such as EIU,"

Cross said. We need to celebrate the institution, and I can't think of a better thing to celebrate than welcoming the new president. I think president Surles is doing a fantastic job."

"(Surles) really is a working president. I don't know what more she could do," Cross said.

Mary Maddox, an English professor, said Surles needs to be more serious and flexible about reaching an agreement on the contract with the faculty. Maddox said she does not feel as if she can go to the inauguration while there is still a dispute about the UPI contract.

The contracts should have been settled four or five months ago, she said.

Maddox said she was chosen by Knox college to represent her alma mater in the inauguration, but because of the standstill with negotiations, she will not be going.

"I kept hoping because I was delighted to march," Maddox said.

"I was optimistic about the contract, it was kind of a disappointment. I feel that in a sense, she hasn't established a

### File photo

Eastern's eighth  
president  
Carol D. Surles.

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# UPI executive board votes unanimously not to attend

By **Laura Irvine and  
Nicole Meinheit**  
Staff editors

Executive members of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois issued a statement Thursday stating they will not attend the inauguration ceremony for Eastern President Carol Surles today.

An e-mail sent to Surles; Vice President for Academic Affairs Teshome Abebe; Vice President for External Relations Jill Nilsen; full and part-time faculty members and academic support staff who have e-mail accounts, stated: "We take this action with

great reluctance, and do so with heavy hearts. We believe that the president's promise of 'New Beginnings' will not be credible until she demonstrates a clear commitment to resolve issues of critical importance to faculty and staff."

Sue Kaufman, president of Eastern's chapter of UPI, said members of the executive committee met Wednesday afternoon and voted unanimously not to attend the ceremonies.

"This decision is particularly painful for me," Kaufman said. "I was on the presidential selection committee and I strongly see Dr. Surles as being capable of being a

dynamic and courageous leader for this institution."

Kaufman said although executive members will not attend the ceremony, individual UPI members will make the decision whether or not to attend individually.

"We have decided not to participate as an executive committee," she said. "And to everyone else, we are saying, 'this is your decision.'"

Administrators stressed that everyone is welcome to attend the ceremonies, and that attendance is voluntary.

"I would like to say that the invitation to attend remains open to all members of

Eastern Illinois University and the Charleston communities, and that includes the ceremony and campus-wide reception immediately after," Nilsen said.

University Spokesperson Shelly Flock agreed.

"Attendance at the inauguration of Eastern President Carol Surles is totally voluntary for faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members and others," she said. "We encourage those who are interested in attending and are available at 1:30 p.m. (today) to join us for this special occasion."

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university community so that we can come to terms on this issue," Maddox said.

Charles Titus, chair of the social science studies, said he thinks the inauguration program is great and the tradition of it is still here.

"It brought a lot of things to campus; I think it's been appropriate and beneficial," Titus said.

Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, said this is an opportunity for the university and the community to formally welcome our new president.

"It's also an opportunity to celebrate the inauguration of an already excellent president as well as a celebration of our faculty, our students and the enduring values of the academy," Abebe said.

Shirley Stewart, associate vice president for student affairs, said she is pleased with the effort Surles has made to reach out to the students.

"I think she has shown her interest in students and has been actively involved in visiting various student organizations and has participated in student events," she said.

Stewart said she would like to see Surles continue to generate funds for the university.

"I like what she has done thus far in the way of generating additional funds for the university," she said.

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Music will be provided throughout the event by the Eastern Symphonic Wind Ensemble, which will play during the processional.

The Panther Battalion Color Guard will escort Eastern faculty, delegates from other universities, members of the BOT and Surles to the front of the assembly.

Members of academia will be garbed in gowns and robes. The cut of the garments denotes the degree level the faculty member has achieved: baccalaureate gowns have long pleated fronts, master's gowns have long sleeves and an open front, and a doctoral gown is distinguished by velvet patches around the neck and front.

"It is important for her to continue developing a vision for the university and to continue working with legislators, the community and perspective donors to help support the educational mission of the university."

Tim Shonk, associate professor of English, said there is not much to disagree with about Surles' presidency so far. He also said he hoped Surles will do away with the discrepancy between faculty and administration salaries.

"(Surles has) sound notions about dealing with legislation, in terms of dealing with budget requests," Shonk said. "I hope she keeps pushing for equal pay. I hope that becomes one of her primary agenda items. I think it is now; I hope she keeps it there."

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said he admires the way Surles relates to students and the entire campus community.

"I think she's done very well," Hencken said. "Dr. Surles certainly enjoys students. It's obvious she enjoys working with students."

Surles also interacts well with prominent figures such as state Legislatures, Hencken said. This may be a major aid in her quest to gain more funding for Eastern.

"By being able to work with Legislatures, she will be able to get additional funding for the university, assuming we at the university all work toward that goal," he said.

Surles is working extremely hard

In addition, the lining color of a hood identifies what institution the wearer is affiliated with, and the color of the hood's facing indicates the wearer's field of expertise: brown represents fine arts, light blue represents education and purple represents law, among others.

"The academic procession is the most visually memorable part of the presidential inauguration," said Flock. "The spectacle of robes, hoods, hats and tassels presenting the rich diversity of higher education is very impressive."

An invocation will be made by Rev. Dale Beck, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, and Patricia Poulter, assistant professor of music, will sing the national anthem.

After Koerner welcomes the audience and introduces the speakers, he will present Surles as

to please faculty in every department at Eastern, said Bill Addison, professor of psychology and chair of the Council on Academic Affairs.

"I like the fact she's getting out around campus and meeting different groups," he said. "I know she's making an effort to meet with every academic department. That's really where she's going to hear what's going on."

Richard Keiter, professor of chemistry, said Surles' attitude toward Eastern makes him look forward to his future at the university.

"I think she's doing a wonderful job," Keiter said. "She's very positive and very optimistic about Eastern and that in turn makes me optimistic."

Surles is a workaholic, yet takes the time to attend as many special events as she can, said Mahmood Butt, chair of the secondary education department.

"From what I've heard from her and from my direct experience with her, I think she is a breath of fresh air," he said. "Her commitment to excellence is reflected in the six goals she has shared widely on campus."

Even ROTC has reaped the benefits of Surles' presidency.

"From my standpoint here at ROTC, she's done a great job," said Maj. Alan Jans, assistant professor of military science. "Everything we've asked her to come and see, she's been there for us. She's been very supportive of us."

Eastern's new president by presenting her with the presidential medalion, which is engraved with the names and dates of service of each of the previous eight presidents.

Surles will then address all in attendance as Eastern's official president for the first time.

"The inaugural ceremony on Friday will mark the era of a new beginning in this university's brilliant history," Surles said. "Our charge now is to sustain our cherished values and distinguished academic reputation. I pledge my best efforts in leading this charge."

Flock said the inauguration and accompanying activities, such as the month-long symposium, would not have been possible without the inaugural planning committee.

"We are most appreciative of (the) willingness of Ms. Betsy Mitchell of Champaign, a member

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with safety and questioned Carman Hall staff and police officers if it was safe to return.

"I think it was safe to let everybody back in," Due said.

The lapse of time given in the threat had long since expired when police allowed residents inside, Due said.

At first many residents were unsure the threat was real.

"(The RA's) said there's a bomb threat, everybody get out," said Andrew Boudreau, a freshman pre-engineering major. "I thought they were just playing around at first."

Residents were surprised when they were told to leave.

"We were just sitting there watching TV and they said you have to put your shoes on and get outside," said Amy Brauneis, a sophomore elementary education. "We asked (what was going on) and they said, 'We can't tell you right now, you have to get outside.'"

Some residents were concerned that friends had made it out of the building.

"I was really concerned because I wasn't sure if any of my friends were sleeping," said Jeff Williamson, a freshman business management major.

of Eastern's Board of Trustees, to chair the inaugural planning committee," she said.

Other members of the committee included Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs; Mark Gaines, director of special events; James K. Johnson, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities; and Joe Dively, vice president and general manager of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

Following the inauguration, a public reception will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. A 12-foot by 8-foot mural, designed by Mary Leonard-Cravens and Chuck Nivens, professors of art, depicting Eastern's past, present and future, will be unveiled and placed on permanent display on the campus.

"We are really excited about the mural," Flock said

UPI

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UPI members' contract expired Aug. 31 and has continued to be extended on a week by week basis during the past two

months. Currently the contract runs through Tuesday.

This past Tuesday, UPI signed a request for the administration negotiating team to jointly make a request for mediation to finalize contract negotiations. The federal mediator will have no authority to make

decisions but can persuade both sides toward an agreement.


Requesting mediation is one of the first steps required before UPI members can strike, but there are several other steps UPI members have not engaged in.

Kaufman said she hopes Surles will make a decision


with which everyone can be satisfied.

"I strongly hope (Surles) will find the courage and vision to make a clear, demonstrable and irreversible commitment to bringing faculty and staff salaries and parity with our peers," she said.

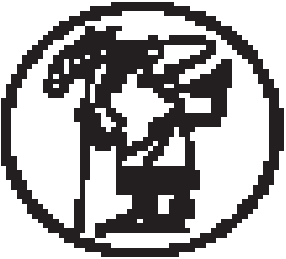
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# Eastern students not too old for child's play

## Halloween brings out the kid in even the most mature college students

**By Pat Curran**  
Staff writer

College students may be on the verge of mature adulthood, but for this Halloween weekend, the Eastern campus will be young at heart.

Many students are looking forward to displaying their costumes for the upcoming Halloween festivities this weekend. While this year may bring the traditional ghouls and goblins, students also will see an array of original costumes.

Aaron Pankoke, a junior health major, said he plans to dress as O.J. Simpson.

"Well, basically, let's just say that the Juice will be loose this weekend," he said.

But Pankoke will not be alone wearing his unconventional costume.

Junior journalism major Anish Gauri plans to spend his Saturday night as Jesus Christ.

Gauri's costume will not be the only one that will be religion-affiliated.

"We are all children at heart, so why not dress up?" said Mike Lacoy, a junior journalism and political science major. "I plan on going as Moses because I look the part. I will spend my weekend cheerfully greeting trick-or-treaters who come to my residence."

Some students chose the less controversial route and are dressing in more traditional costumes.

“We are all children at heart, so why not dress up? I plan on going as Moses because I look the part.”

Mike Lacoy,  
junior journalism major

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Nancy Williams, a senior psychology major, said she plans on dressing as Snow White.

"I worked at Disney World this summer and she was my favorite character," she said.

Not all students will be dressing up and partying this weekend though.

Sophomore business administration major Justin Boyce plans to spend his weekend working. While some of his co-workers are planning to dress up at work, Boyce said he will not be participating.

"Wearing a costume to work is not my kind of thing," he said.

Jayne Ball-Serat, owner of Grand Ball Costumes in Charleston, said the most popular costumes this season are Austin Powers, Felicity Shagwell and Star Wars. The store already rented all six Austin Powers and Felicity Shagwell costumes.

"I think it's such a stressful world today, everybody needs to get crazy and be someone else for a

### Police strive for a safe Halloween

**By Matt Neistein**  
City editor

Halloween weekend can be a scary time, but Charleston police are trying to make it a little less scary for trick-or-treaters.

Officer Mark Heise, juvenile officer for the Charleston Police Department, said there are several things citizens can do to make the day and night a little safer.

Charleston's trick-or-treating hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday. Heise said those who would like to participate and give out candy to trick-or-treaters should leave a porch light on.

"It gives them an idea where to go," he said.

Heise also emphasized parental involvement. He said the police department encourages parents to be active in all of their children's activities, and especially in trick-or-treating.

One piece of advice Heise had was to confine candy-hunting to places and areas children are familiar with. That way parents have a general idea of the neighborhood's layout and who may reside in a particular house.

Parents should also inspect any candy their children collect, Heise said, to take "extra precaution" against any tainted candy or food the children may receive. Although such things occur rarely, Heise said anything is possible.

"There's always the chance," he said.

The police do not put out any more officers on patrol for the weekend, and Heise said there usually is not any more criminal activity or mischief than anywhere else. He did acknowledge, however, the appeal of Halloween to pranksters.

"Ghosts and goblins do get out," he said.

day," Ball-Serat said.

And those Austin Powers costumes will still come in handy next Halloween.

"Next year we'll be able to do the Partridge Family with those six velvet coats and frilly shirts."

While some may feel college-age students are too old for Halloween, Eastern students strongly disagree.

Pankoke explained, "Everyone has a kid deep down inside of them." He said Halloween is the one time of the year that we can all dress as our heroes.

He is not alone in thinking that

no one is to old for Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun day to dress up and be whatever you want," said Doug Habben, graduate sports and administration major. "I think it's cool when parents dress up with their kids to go trick-or-treating."

Karola Alford, a counselor at the Eastern's Counseling Center, said there is no particular age to stop dressing in costume for Halloween.

"I still dress up," she said. "It is an escape from reality. It's a break from the everyday world and I think it allows a person to be some-

body they're not, even if it's only for one night."

Alford also said dressing up is a very healthy activity.

"I think it's a healthy escape from reality," she said. "There's so many harmful ways to escape. This is one of the healthy ways."

Senior speech communication major Maggie Vanbergen will dress as Lady Zorro.

"You should dress up no matter what age you are," she said. "It adds to the fun of Halloween."

—Staff editor Geneva White contributed to this article.

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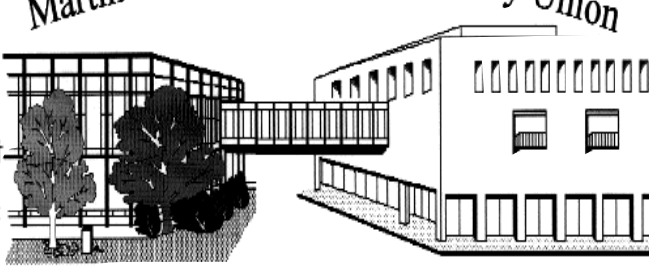
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## Welcoming the 8th leader

One of the most historical days of Eastern's history is upon us – the inauguration of the first female president.

Students, faculty, administrators and Charleston residents should take a couple hours out of their day to be a part of one of Eastern's "firsts" and help officially welcome Carol Diann Surles as the university's eight president.

Surles assumed office in March after being selected by Eastern's Board of Trustees in December. Former president David Jorns' term did not officially end until June, but he "stepped down" to allow for a smoother transition.

Surles, who was formerly president of Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, has devoted the past several months to getting to know the campus and Charleston community.

She has met with various student and faculty organizations to spread her goals for the university.

Yes, she has been visible and open to the campus – two things the campus strongly voiced was needed in a president.

And now she will be officially welcomed by all – including those she has yet to reach out to – through a formal ceremony.

The inauguration will be held at 1:30 today in Lantz Gymnasium. Invited speakers include Gov. George Ryan, Sen. Judy Myers, Rep. Dale Righter, Faculty Senate Chair Bonnie Irwin and Student Body President Keith Cosentino. Entertainment will be provided by the Eastern Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

An inaugural reception will immediately follow the ceremony in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment will be provided.

Today is a momentous occasion in Eastern's history — possibly the last of such that will occur while the majority of the campus can witness again.

Everyone should make today's inauguration ceremony a priority and help officially welcome President Surles, our new leader.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Today's quote

Anybody can make history. Only a great man can write it.

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde,  
Irish poet, wit and dramatist, 1854-1900

## Feed the soul instead of the body

The struggle between following the human spirit or the human body is an every day question, and not just for someone influenced by religion.

Humans have to decide whether they should feed their bodies with the tastes and temptations of life, or put faith in their spirituality and have a pure soul guide their future. I think humans are better off following the spirit.

In my opinion, the human spirit is right and wrong. It is the morals all humans know in the back of their minds, and the morals they feel in their heart. I truly think humans know when they are committing a mistake or making a bad decision. We just have a human urge to follow the wrong path because it satisfies the human body.

In regards to religion, people will attend church every Sunday to satisfy that religious physical urge. They are actually going to church and feel that in doing so, it is completing their religious duty. There is nothing wrong with this, but religion doesn't stop there.

Once you leave the church, the human spirit takes over. It is the true faith that one can follow to help guide their life down a correct path. It isn't a mystery that most people who attend church and feed their human spirit with church ideas, are usually happy.

My parents are Catholics who feed their human spirit with religious ideals. While I am not as involved, I witness every day the happiness they share and the moral lives they live. It is quite admirable.

If you look at Mother Teresa, she was a woman who completely sacrificed her body for the good of others. You wonder how she survived so long, but she was able to survive because her human spirit was so healthy. It was what she really lived on. She is even more admirable.

I am not one to be admired; I am young and have made many mistakes. It is part of being human; it is part of satisfying the human body first. I also feel that people my age follow the body too much. We have increased rates of premarital sex, increased rates of alcohol and drug use, and while we



Dan Ochwat  
Verge editor

"It is the true faith that one can follow to help guide their life down a correct path."

saved.

While I was in the hospital because of a drunken plunge on the crooked Charleston sidewalks, I was given five stitches and some good advice by a prophetic man in the bed next to me.

The guy was missing part of his right leg, and I don't know why he was admitted to the hospital, but he eluded to mistakes with alcohol in his life. The man told me to spend less time and energy on alcohol and more with my girlfriend who was standing nearby. His wife was awaiting him outside.

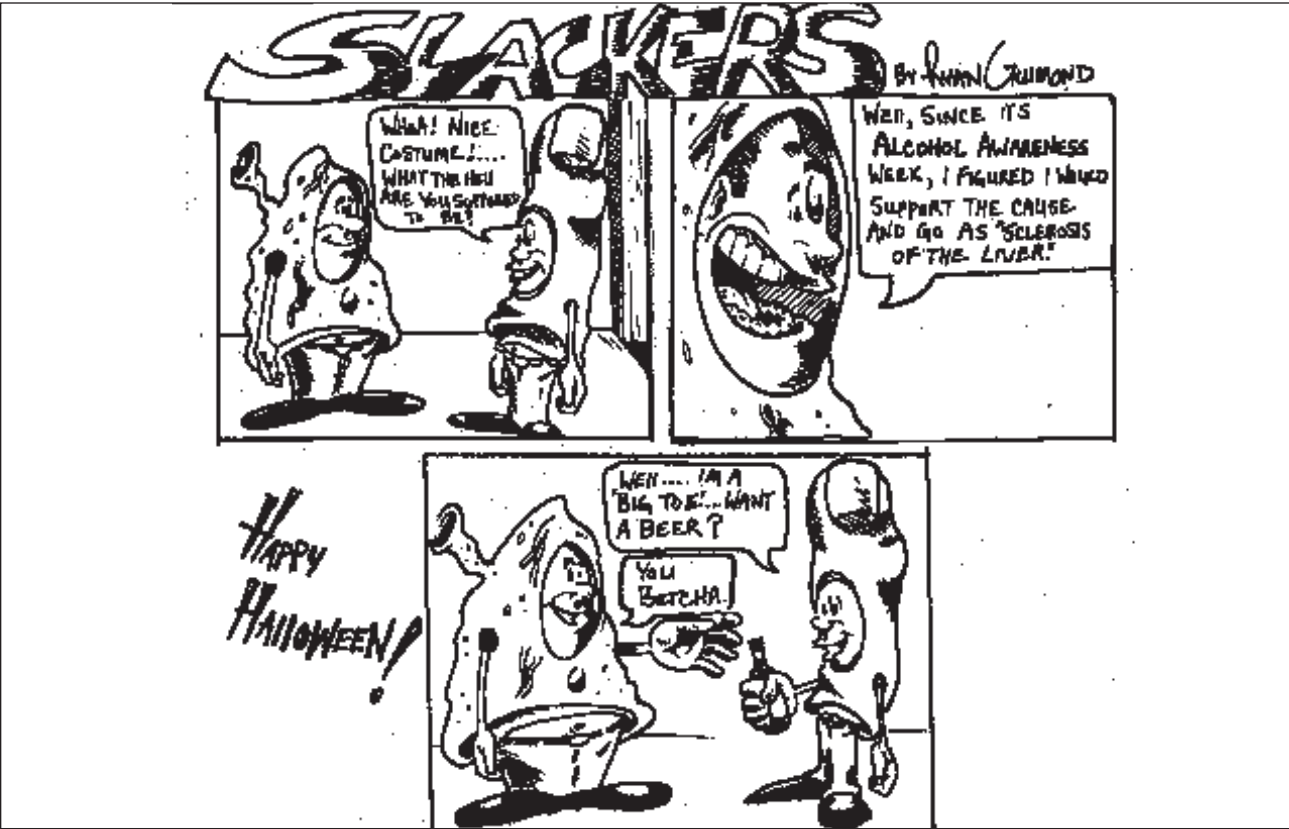
He also said to me, "Keep your mind and your heart." He said this three times while gripping my fingers with his outstretched arm reaching from his bed.

To me this can only mean, keep your human spirit. He is a man who would feed his body's needs, which may have caused him to lose part of a leg. For someone to hold onto their mind, or moral knowledge, and also their heart, or inner feelings, people hold onto their spirituality. It is an honest path that can keep humans clean.

The media focuses on the body also, every magazine portrays men as ripped models and women as inhuman goddesses. And whether we like it or not, those pictures make us worship that body. A strong spirit can fight the media.

A strong spirit will make a tough situation easier, and I think in keeping your mind and your heart – you just may find happiness.

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## Credit card solicitors stalk innocent students

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"Fill out a form and take home a free T-shirt." Uttered countless times a day by toothy solicitors, the words represent an often-seen tradeoff around NIU, particularly during the first weeks of the school year, as credit card companies scramble to plug their services on sidewalks and in front of campus bookstores.

Unfortunately, it's a tradeoff sugar-coated by those looking to secure students' personal information and what's more, it's an unethical practice that preys on the innocence of the college newcomer and his virgin credit record with cheap incentives that also include free pop, candy and other perishables.

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But that's often where honest information ends. In their haste to suck in the maximum number of inquiries from students, sidewalk solicitors generally do nothing to educate their naive applicants about what they're getting into by entering the complicated world of credit. If they're lucky, nonchalant students may get a muddled spiel about interest rates and APRs, but rarely any constructive advice about how to manage their card or avoid life-altering debt, which — not coincidentally — ultimately brings the bacon home to predatory companies.

Making the issue particularly sensitive is the fact that much of NIU's credit card hawking is done by actual

students whose organizations receive monetary incentives for setting up tables and doing the elbow work for the major companies. However, compassion for student groups must not override common sense.

Credit card leeches who don't share all the information should, as a rule, receive none in return.

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# CAA approves new courses

By Erin Vanderbilt  
Staff Writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday approved the addition of two new political science courses and one new chemistry course as well as the revisions to two chemistry courses and three chemistry concentrations.

Political Science courses 3333 Politics of Latin America and the Caribbean, and Politics 3353 Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa were approved unanimously for addition to the course catalog.

The two courses will replace PLS 3383 Politics of Third World Countries, a course considered to be too broad in its focus, said Dave Carwell, assistant professor of Political Science.

Chemistry 4750 Environmental Chemistry was also unanimously approved. The course will be offered as an elective within the chemistry major.

The course, Organic Chemistry

I, has been revised as two separate classes to be taken in a series.

The class that is currently Organic Chemistry I will be changed to Survey of Organic Chemistry. This class will be for students who want to gain a background in Organic Chemistry without needing to take the two class sequence, Keiter said.

The Biochemistry concentration was also changed by removing Biological Sciences 3100 from the core and adding Chemistry 3920 as a requirement.

Biochemistry 3450 was added to the chemistry concentration in order to “increase the breadth of the concentration,” Keiter said.

The change keeps the concentration current with American Chemical Society standards.

The chemistry minor added CHM 2730 Quantitative Analysis to its required course load. The change adds hours to the minor that was “light on hours,” according to Keiter.

# Web resources will not replace classrooms

## Panel discusses advantages and pitfalls of on-lone learning

By Jason Maholy  
Staff writer

The future of education at Eastern and beyond is on the verge of a revolution as we advance technologically and begin to utilize the Internet and on-line courses more as educational tools.

“Instructional Technology: Past Practices and Future Potential in the Classroom,” was presented Thursday by the School of Adult and Continuing Education as part of Eastern’s pre-inauguration activities.

The event, facilitated by Will Hine, dean of adult and continuing education, presented a look at the changing face of education and how instructional technology has made this possible. Instructional technology refers to how the Internet, World Wide Web and other multi-media have opened new doors and created new possibilities in the educational field.

The information was presented by a panel consisting of Bill Gibbs, associate professor and head of media services; Pat Fewell, associate professor of secondary education and foundation; and Tom McCollum, teacher at Charleston Middle School.

Fewell opened the presentation by saying instructional technology has great potential as an educational tool, but added it will be chal-

lenging to integrate this new technology and instruction into the current educational practices of faculty.

“The most important thing is helping the faculty to use this technology appropriately and effectively, not as an electronic blackboard,” Fewell said. “We want the technology to supplement instead of supplant the instruction. There needs to be personal contact, not a computer that generates responses.”

Gibbs, who since 1996 has been teaching two on-line courses conducted entirely over the Web, said despite the fact there are no face-to-face class meetings he sees many benefits with this new technology.

“Students can ask questions to people right here in Charleston or as far away as Australia,” Gibbs said. “With the Internet we can bring outside scholars and business professionals into our classrooms.”

He also said the Internet and World Wide Web give students the opportunity for cross-cultural communications they’ve never had before. It also allows for quiet students to speak out and allows all students to reflect and analyze their thoughts before discussing them.

McCollum emphasized the concept of “real time” learning experiences where students can actively participate in the subject at hand, rather than simply reading about it or watching somebody else do it.



Sara Figiel / Staff photographer

Dr. William Gibbs, an Associate Professor and the Head of Media Services, speaks at the School of Adult and Continuing Education Panel on Thursday afternoon.

The instructional technology of the future is not without its drawbacks however. By using these systems we become more technologically dependent, Gibbs said. File server’s crash and power outages occur, limiting our capabilities in these situations. There are also the issues of isolation and time.

“Trying to simulate face-to-face contact is difficult,” Gibbs said. Regardless, instructional technology is something that in the future will become a large part of instruction, but will not take over and push traditional methods of instruction out of the classroom, Fewell said.

## Jazz show to hit Eastern Saturday

Jazz lovers will get a night of “Howling Jazz” Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

According to a press release, Sam Fagaly, associate professor of music and saxophonist, will lead a jazz quintet through a variety of original and standard pieces.

Fagaly conducts the EIU Jazz Ensemble and also teaches jazz history and theory, as well as being an active soloist. He performed with the Air Force Band of the West for four years.

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# Brandys provides instant energy

## Freshman of the Week leads Eastern into weekend games

By Troy Hinkel  
Staff writer

Putting your body on the line to make an unbelievable play is something that players in all sports do.

In the case of Panther volleyball player Stephanie Brandys, this is so ture.

Brandys, a Freshman setter from Sandburg High School, received co-freshman player of the week honors this week for the Panthers.

She blew up last weekend while compiling 19 digs against Tennessee Tech, and being the spark plug that helped them make a comeback after being down two games to none.

“She is a spark off the bench and she instantly adds energy to the court,” interim coach Andrew Epperly said.

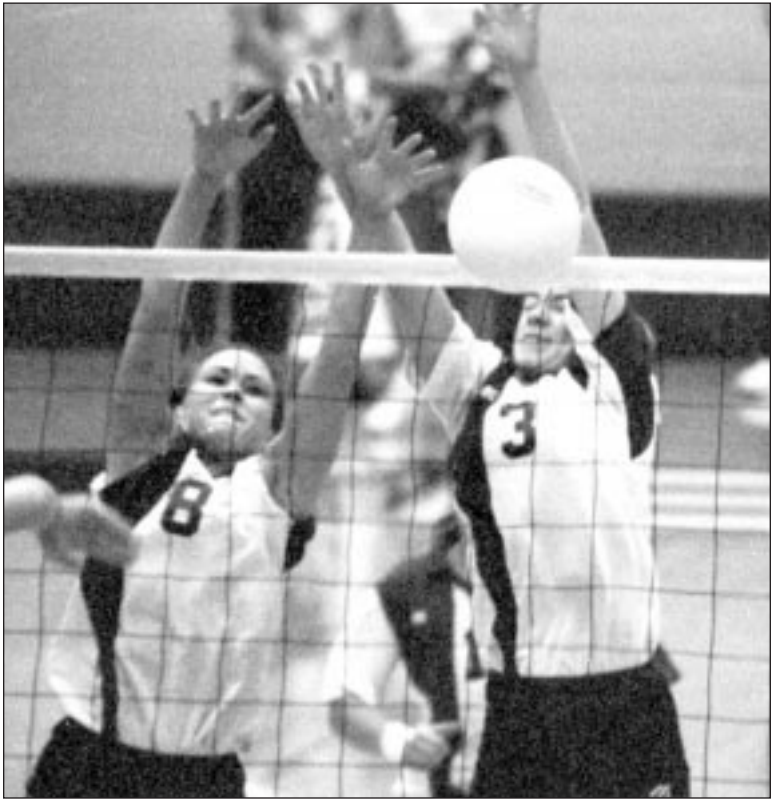
Brandys, has been used regularly this year as a defensive specialist on the court because of her ability to dig the ball.

“She digs balls that most people on are team can’t dig. The girls appreciate that and respect her ability,” said Epperly.

“Getting a great dig could be the same as a front line player getting a big block or a big kill.”

Brandys, in her characteristic 50 pig tales, has a normal fan following as a group of men’s volleyball club team players prepare their hair like her before every game.

The crowd reaches a higher level of excitement every time she hits the court because of the go get them attitude she portrays and her



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Senior Meleah Cutler (right) and sophomore Erin Morrisson (left) go for a blok against Tennessee Tech Saturday. Eastern plays two more OVC matches this week.

The Eagles (4-19, 3-7) will be looking for revenge against the Panthers.

After they play the Eagles, Eastern will then travel to Eastern Kentucky Sunday.

The Colonels will also be seeking vengeance after a three game loss to Eastern earlier in the season.

Eastern Kentucky comes into the match up searching for the .500 mark as their record rests at 5-6 in the conference and 10-14 overall.

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# Panthers going for the clincher

One win needed to secure OVC title

By Anthony Braviere  
Staff writer

This weekend should be the most important weekend ever for women's soccer at Eastern. A Panther sweep would mean a conference title – he first ever by the women's soccer team at Eastern.

Eastern will travel to Tennessee-Martin Friday, and will play Southeast Missouri at Lakeside Field at noon Sunday.

Both teams come into this weekend's action with records under .500.

"We're trying not to overlook these two teams," defender Erin Loeffel said.

"Coach is pushing us harder in practice. We know we have a chance to win conference, but we have to win these games first."

The Skyhawks come in having had a rough go of it this season, compiling a 1-17 record.

They did when their last game though, beating

Chattanooga 2-1 to get their first win of the season.

The Panthers will have to watch out for UTM's Kelli Armstrong. Armstrong has six goals and an assist to make for 13 points to lead the Skyhawks.

Panther goalie Jeanine Fredrick will have her hands full this weekend.

With an injury to Jessica Graczyk, who split time with Fredrick almost the entire year, Fredrick will have to take care of all of the keeper duties for the remainder of the year.

"It'll be different for me playing the whole game, but I'll be ready," she said.

Fredrick and the Panthers will have to be ready when the Otahkians of Southeast Missouri come to town.

The Otahkians bring a 3-6-1 record along with a balanced offensive attack, which includes three players with multiple goals and more than five points.

The Panthers will have a tough time scoring against Otahkian keeper Beth Guccione. Guccione leads the OVC in saves per game with 8.29.

# Swimmers battle Braves

## Panthers head to Bradley for dual outing

By Todd Schreiber  
Staff writer

The swim teams took off to Peoria this morning to compete in a dual-meet against the Bradley Braves.

This will be Eastern's second dual-meet of the season, with both the men's and women's teams coming into the weekend with an 0-1 record. Bradley's women

come into the meet with a 1-0 record, while the men's team is 0-1.

Eastern coach Ray Padovan feels that his teams should be able to win the meet on both sides.

"The meet should be competitive, but we feel that we can control them," the coach said. "We are stronger than they are so we can do some things."

"This is a team that we've swam against for years, and we should be able to win."

Padovan feels that his team is settling into its positions.

The swimmers are starting to establish what their strong events are.

"We still have one or two people looking for primary events or

secondary events," Padovan said.

Although he feels his teams should be able to handle the Braves this weekend, the men's team is getting sparse in its numbers. The team is down to 18 members traveling this weekend, Padovan said, and that is the bare minimum he would like to have competing.

Last season Eastern smacked Bradley around the times that they saw them.

The women's team defeated the Braves 135-85 in their dual-meet, and won the Bradley Invitational later in the season.

The men's team also easily handled the Braves during their dual-meet, as the Panthers won a 148-75 decision.

# Men's soccer team seeks revenge

By Sandra Simousek  
Staff writer

Coming off of a shaky weekend, the men's soccer team is preparing for a weekend of conference games.

This past weekend held two losses for the team. Sunday, the Panthers played nationally-ranked Creighton and lost 3-0.

Now the team is practicing hard for its upcoming conference games.

This coming weekend the

men's soccer team is playing Western Kentucky today and Vanderbilt Sunday.

"We are going to worry about each game at a time. After the Western Kentucky game we will start preparing for Vanderbilt," McClements said.

Last year the Panthers lost to both teams in the conference, but after last weekend the team is ready to step up and to play hard.

"The two losses last weekend make this weekend that much

more important to us," said McClements.

Eastern also has its sights set on winning conference and to make the national tournament. The team unity is there, but the players agree they have their ups and downs, but they remain optimistic about this weekend's games.

"We have a good shot," co-captain Scott Anderson said. "The teams are very beatable and if we come out to play we will win."

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## After further review....

NBC reporter Jim Gray apologized to baseball fans Tuesday for his untimely interview with Pete Rose Monday night.

The NBC switchboard light up like a Christmas tree when Gray asked Rose if he planned on admitting he bet on baseball.

Initially, Gray had stated he felt it was important to give Rose a chance to make an apology for his alleged involvement with gambling on baseball.

Tuesday, Gray said he had a chance to look at the videotape and understood why fans were angry.

Yeah, I'll bet he could. But I think what he understood first was why his bosses were angry and what they could do to his career.

Unlike in the National Football League, this instant replay actually worked.

## Is anyone surprised?

Mike Tyson made his return to the ring last weekend. And had it not been for a hit after the bell that consequently ended the fight, nobody would have noticed, let alone cared.

But anyway, the scheduled 10-round bout ended after the first bell when Tyson decked Orlin Norris in the jaw after the bell had rung.

Norris twisted his knee on his way down and could not continue the fight.

So, what did Norris do?

He slowly got up and walked over to his corner and had a seat. Let me say that again, he walked to his corner.

He must have really injured his knee pretty bad.

Dr. Flip Homansky examined Norris and said his knee was definitely swollen and he was obviously hurt.

First of all, how many people are going to trust a guy named Dr. Flip?

And second of all, why did Dr. Flip wait until after Norris sprinted to the bank to cash his \$200,000 pay check for three minutes' work?

## A bit of good news

With all the talk of Payne Stewart circulating around the PGA, the tour was in definite need of a bit of good news.

The tour got it in the form of Casey Martin, who won his long battle with the PGA earlier this week when he found himself among the top 15 money winners on the Nike tour.

In doing so, Martin earned his PGA tour card.

Martin was born with a circulatory disorder in his right leg. The disorder left him too weak to walk 18 holes.

He sued for the right to use a golf cart. He won the case, but the tour appealed. A decision on the appeal is expected anytime.

Enjoy it now Casey, this is a great win, but beware they could take it away from you at anytime.

Panther



Watch

# Lewis forced to adjust again

By Bill Ruthhart  
Associate sports editor

After being sidelined and forced to redshirt last season following shoulder surgery, strong safety Corey Lewis has rebounded with a solid sophomore season.

"This year has been pretty decent for me," Lewis said. "It took me a while to adjust to playing defense again."

Lewis, who currently leads the Panthers in defensive pass breakups with six, has played well in the defensive backfield but believes he has a lot to improve on.

"I've been playing well, but I've had some balls this year that I've had my hands on and should have had," said Lewis, who has yet to pick off a pass this season. "I probably should be leading the team in interceptions, but due to being clumsy I couldn't hang on."

Not only has his pass defense been solid, but Lewis is also third on the team in tackles despite missing a game earlier this season.

"My tackling has been good and I've made a lot of tackles, but I've made a lot of mistakes and missed a lot of tackles, too," he said.

After hurting his knee in the first game of the season at Central

Michigan, Lewis was forced to sit out the Hawaii game before returning to the lineup.

"I had a week and a half off and missed the Hawaii game with an injured knee," he said. "And I feel like some of the other guys got ahead of me, so I've been playing catch up."

Lewis' play has improved considerably from his freshman season when he played in eight games, finishing the season with seven tackles. And he credits former Eastern defensive back and current NFL standout Chris Watson with some of that improvement.

"Watty really knew the game and it was a situation where I learned a lot just by watching him," Lewis said.

Currently on the mind of Lewis is shutting down the powerful option offense of Western Kentucky, who has struggled off late, entering the game losers of three straight.

"What's going to help us is that everyone has an assignment," Lewis said of Saturday's game plan. "And if everyone carries out their assignment then we should be able to shut down the option."

Lewis hopes the defense can come back with another outstanding effort this week following the 14 point collapse late in the fourth quarter last week against Tennessee Tech.

"We expect to play four hard quarters of football," he said. "Last week we only played three and a half quarters hard, and we did some things wrong at the end of the fourth quarter and lost the game."

But Lewis says some of those mistakes come with being a young defensive squad.

"We're young. We've got nine or 10 starters coming back next year," he said. "When you're young you're going to make mistakes."

Lewis believes the key to coming out on top Saturday will be focusing solely on that game and



Dave Pump / Staff photographer

Panther defensive back Cory Lewis has been a mainstay in Eastern's secondary so far this season despite admittedly making several mistakes.

not looking back to last week's performance or ahead to next weekend's game at Southeast Missouri.

"We just have to take it one game at a time," he said. "I think that's what happened earlier this season. We started looking ahead and looking past people and it showed in our record."

"We just have to concentrate on winning as a team," he said. "It's always been one week the offense does good and the next week it's the defense."

"I think if we start playing as a team and come together as an offense and a defense we can beat a lot of teams easily."

## Different stories for men and women at OVC meet

By Kristin Rojek  
Staff writer

Entering Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference championship race, the men's and women's chances for success are as different as night and day.

With the men returning nearly every competitor from last year's championship team, they will be focused on defending their title, but on the other hand, the women have spent the season rebuilding after a disappointing end to last year's season. Out of the eight competing this weekend, half our new faces to the Panthers.

Although defending a title may be a more difficult challenge than obtaining it, the men aren't going to let anyone get the best of them.

"The hardest thing will be gritting it out," Ryan Boyles said. "What will make or break us is if we go out with

them. It'll be a dog fight."

Eastern Kentucky will be Eastern's biggest contenders in this weekend's competition, especially after ECU defeated Eastern by a small margin two weeks prior at the Indiana Pre-Nationals.

"Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois run two different races," Boyles said. "We tend to move the race along in the beginning and they come back in the end."

Head coach John McInerney's focus for the team will be on how well they are able to pack together behind Panther leader Jason Bialka.

"We're hoping to improve on the front group because they've faded a little," McInerney said. "They've been looking better and better lately though, so we're going to let training pay off."

Depth will be key in proving themselves once again as conference

champions.

"Not everyone has put it all together yet because our support group hasn't been close behind Jason," Boyles said. "We can see the top 10-15 unfold during the race, and we'll be fine once we're in the race, but it'll be a fight."

On the women's side, the Panthers have the opportunity Saturday to prove themselves worthy of placing within the top three teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"We had a good practice Monday and they've improved nicely over the week," McInerney said. "We're just looking down the road."

Eastern Kentucky is also questionable on the women's side.

"We were right with (Eastern Kentucky) at Indiana, so we want to keep them in our focus," sophomore Beth Martin said. "We fell apart before, so we have been talking and

trying to motivate ourselves to have the best of the season."

Martin is one of the few returning Panthers to compete this Saturday, but the new girls have given the team depth and support that could be the missing key from last year's team.

"It's hard for the new girls to come in, but we're all doing the same thing this year," Martin said. "Traveling together this weekend will give us more time to get closer because we will be together again next year and we can build off of that."

With tough competition near the front of the race, the women will have their hands full.

"We want the team to come out of conference knowing that they can run with the big dogs and that we should be running with the top dogs at regionals," McInerney said. "Our downfall will be dwelling on big teams."



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# BUSKER SOUNDCHECK



## REVISITS CHARLESTON

**by tony scott**  
Staff writer

Mix equal parts Husker Du and Cheap Trick, add a shot of the hard rock of Kiss and cap it off with a twist of Black Sabbath's metal mayhem, and you might get something resembling the style of Chicago rock veterans Busker Soundcheck.

Charleston music fans will be able to get a taste of that unique style when Busker Soundcheck comes to The Dungeon behind Friends & Co. Friday at 9 p.m.

It's been a few years since Busker has made an appearance at the Dungeon, making one think that the band could have become simply a fond memory. But Dungeon and Friends & Co. owner Shannon Sherwood thinks the band hasn't faded from the town's collective mind just yet.

"They haven't played here a lot lately, which is unfortunate because I think they may have left the town's consciousness a little bit," Sherwood commented. "That happens with the nature of the population of people who come here - students - who stay here for a while and then leave. But they're worth keeping in your mind, definitely. They're really wonderful."

It seems that the band has been in the minds of Chicago-area critics and fans for most of the nine years they have been together. They have a cult following of fans who have packed venues supporting them, and guitarist/vocalist Paul Kamp said fans unofficially consider them "the most bootlegged band in Chicago."

Busker has a reputation for excellent live shows, which involve guitar virtuoso Kamp

pulling out all the stops. Kamp was nominated as one of the top five guitarists in Chicago in the 1993 Chicago Music Awards, sponsored by Illinois Entertainer and WXRT-FM.

Kamp's competition in that contest included the Smashing Pumpkins' Billy Corgan and blues legend Buddy Guy.

"They're each such phenomenal musicians that I can just get sucked into watching Paul (Kamp) play his guitar or watch the drummer (Dan Sopher)," Sherwood described. "They're all just so good; a wonderful, wonderful band."

Busker's albums, the third and latest of which is titled "Welcome to Buskerland," have gotten rave reviews from the likes of Chicago Tribune rock critic Greg Kot and the host of WXRT's "Local Anesthetic" showcase, Richard Milne.

WXRT-FM, a major commercial radio station in Chicago, has been giving one of the band's singles major daily airplay for the past week, Kamp said. He said because of all the exposure, nearly a dozen major record labels from Los Angeles to New York are scouting the band.

"We've been pretty fortunate to get treated like that," Kamp said about the amount of radio airplay his band has received. "We're optimistic about someone (in the record business) jumping up and saying, yeah, we want to (record you)."

While playing Chicago-area clubs in the early '90s, Kamp and his bandmates, drummer

**see soundcheck, page 3b**





## Life, campus, Hollywood

by christy kilgore  
Associate Verge editor

As the leaves turn from green to the bright oranges and reds of fall, some of us may be reminded of the passing seasons and eternal ebb and flow of Mother Nature's wondrous magic. Others may think of the coming holiday season and the happy celebrations with family and friends that go with it.

I think of the imminent crappy weather that inevitably plagues Central Illinois from December to March.

I dread it. The gray skies, the cold that bites right through the skin, the depression. My family lived in Seattle for a time when I was a baby and my dad still swears Seattle gets more days of sunshine than Charleston.

The gloomy weather eventually makes most people feel somber and gloomy, except for those freaks that love winter and probably Richard Simmons, because, hey, he's always happy.

I hate driving in winter, I hate walking in winter, I especially hate waking up during the winter when it's still dark outside. But instead of bitching about it anymore (I know, it's too late) I decided to do something about it.

Since I can't build a machine to change the tilt of the Earth's axis a la Dr. Evil or move to a tropical location (I'd miss finals!) I decided to get outside as much as possible while it's still nice outside.

This week is supposed to be beautiful in the temperature and sunshine departments, so I'm going to go outside to read, do homework and I may even \*gasp\* exercise outside.

I feel I need to soak it all up before I can't anymore and I suggest you do the same for your

own good. Amy Grant said it best: you don't know what you've got until it's gone, and this especially holds true for the changing seasons in Illinois.

Now I'll probably get a sunburn. I hate the sun.

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We at the Verge have recently been struck by tragedy. Our illustrious editor, Dan Ochwat, was horribly attacked by forces of gravity and the ground causing a visit to the emergency room and some stitches to the eye area.

This is my version of a public service announcement: I call it Operation Break Fall. Please, please, please, if you are intoxicated in any way, do not walk in areas with sharp objects. Also try to avoid hard things on the route from the bar to your house.

If you wish to help Operation Break Fall you could buy some safety equipment similar to that used by 5 year olds on bikes or in-line skaters. Pass out the equipment to any inebriated walkers you may see this weekend.

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send comments or questions to christy via e-mail at issa6@excite.com or call 581-2812.

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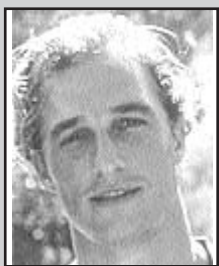
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# Roc's Blackfront to host Halloween Bash

by **erin signal**  
staff writer

Roc's Blackfront has always been a familiar establishment to owner and lifelong resident of Charleston, Mike Knoop, because it was the first place he tended bar and where he hung out during his college years.

Roc's Blackfront, located at 410 Sixth St., originally opened in the early 1900s. It closed down during prohibition, but reopened shortly thereafter.

The name was first Blackfront, then changed to Roc's Lounge and was changed to Roc's Blackfront by Knoop. Roc was the name of a previous owner.

It has changed to more of a restaurant than a bar, but still gets a lot of business at the bar, Knoop said. "We are known for our ribs," he said.

Roc's Blackfront has been open for three years under the ownership of Knoop and his wife. Although the business is still going through growing pains, it is generating a lot of business from the community and students.

In a couple of weeks there will be a new menu, which will include more of a variety of foods. Some of the new additions are steak kabobs, more sandwich

choices and a baked potato bar.

When Knoop purchased the building, he knew he had to do something with the upstairs to generate revenue, which is how Top of the Roc was born.

It was started a year after Roc's Blackfront with a gambling theme in mind. But as time progressed, the bar began to take its own personality.

Top of the Roc is now more college-oriented with new lights, sounds systems, DJs, dance floors and bands.

This weekend, Top of the Roc is having a Halloween bash on Saturday night featuring the band URB.

There will also be a costume contest on Saturday night. First place will win a free vacation to your choice of destination. Second place will win \$75 and third place will win full Budweiser gear.

"Students are vital to both Top of the Roc and Roc's Blackfront," Knoop said.

Knoop said he has enjoyed starting the businesses, but admits that it has been tough.

"It is definitely not the lazy man's way of making money," Knoop said.

Top of the Roc is open Thursday



photo by christy kilgore/staff photographer

Roc's Blackfront, located at 410 Sixth St., just keeps growing and growing and growing...

through Saturday, with Thursday being the busiest night Knoop said. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For further information about this weekend's Halloween bash or general information call 348-8018.

## caught on the web

### Morbidity rules at www.findagrave.com

by **christy kilgore**  
Associate Verge editor

Just in time for Halloween, one of the most morbidly fascinating sites on the Web is available to you to find the grave of just about any famous person. As long as they're dead.

The appropriately named [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) allows you to search for graves by location, name, claim to fame, birth date or death date and my favorite: posthumous reunions.

On this page, the nice folks from Find a Grave have gathered the grave information for the dearly departed casts of "Star Trek" and "Bewitched," Titanic passengers and the "Gilligan's Island" cast, amongst others. (Did you know Alan Hale Jr.'s ashes were scattered at sea? Oh the irony of it all!)

After a location search, I didn't find any famous grave sites in Charleston but the Chicago area was a gold mine of prominent graves – mostly mafia bosses, some politicians and early industry leaders and a few actors, like John Belushi. This information could come

in handy for those Chicago natives going home for the holiday who need a good place for their Halloween sacrifices or other assorted rites.

Selected areas in Europe, South America, Asia, Australia and Africa are listed, just in case you're taking a trip and need something really fun to do.

Find a Grave was started in December, 1995 by Jim Tipton with about 100 listings and 20 photos and has since grown into the thousands thanks to contributions from eager grave hunters around the world.

The links and accolades page gets you well on your way to doing more grave hunting through other sites devoted to graveyards and cemeteries.

The site is very simple to navigate, obviously more content- than design-based, and can provide hours of macabre fun once you get going on it. Looking up who was born or who died on your birthday is always interesting, as is looking for dead people who share your name.

Find a Grave t-shirts are also available on the site for the truly obsessed.

## Tailgating to be infiltrated by surfing secret agents

by **anish gauri**  
staff writer

Saturday's tailgate party following a raucous Homecoming will be highlighted by the surf sounds of Hit Gone Bad.

Tailgating begins at 11 a.m. at Tailgate Field behind O'Brien Stadium.

According to a confidential flyer received from the band, Hit Gone Bad is "a trio of highly trained, governmentally licensed hit men." The trio had a failed assassination attempt, and since then, they have been living the life of a surf band.

The members of the band include guitarist Dick Hit, drummer Harry Gone and bassist Tom Bad. However, because of their confidentiality, the bands real student names could not be released. Thus, no interview could be had with Dick, Harry and Tom.

Although an interview with the local contacts, Phil Edward Manning, Dave Johnson and Dave

Gierhahn was possible; they seem oddly similar to Dick, Harry and Tom.

"They are not the Beach Boys," said Manning. "They make catchy tunes and are more about the hook."

"Surf rock is instrumental with a distinct bass and drum rhythm, but most of the emphasis is on the guitar. The theme from 'Pulp Fiction' is surf rock," explained Johnson.

According to Manning some popular surf bands include Man...or Astroman, The Ventures and Dick Dale.

The trio wants everyone to come out Saturday and have a good time. "I do hope some people are drinking," said Manning. "Hit Gone Bad makes happy music and is danceable."

So, if you happen to see Secret Service Agents or snipers atop O'Brien Field, don't expect President Clinton. The protection is for Tom, Dick and Harry of Hit Gone Bad.

## from soundcheck, page 1b

Dan Sopher and bassist Chris Klein, drew their influences from the bands they saw on stage. These bands, which included Chicago club regulars Smashing Pumpkins and Material Issue, would give the rookie Busker some lessons on improving their licks, Kamp explained.

Playing and sweating it out in the clubs eventually began paying off, and the band soon played with the likes of the

Smashing Pumpkins, Veruca Salt, the Poster Children and The Bodeans.

Now, with some heavy radio airplay and the nods of critics and the eyes of curious record labels on their side, Busker Soundcheck is on their way to being up on the marquee with the Pumpkins and Veruca Salt.

Also playing with Busker this weekend are the bands

Bucky Dent and Today'smysuperspaceoutday (yes, that's all one word).

The doors for the Busker Soundcheck show at the Dungeon open at 9 p.m., with the show starting at 9:30 p.m. There is a \$4 admission and the show is open to those 21 and over. The Dungeon is located at 509 Van Buren St. in Charleston.



Who	When	Where	Price	Phone
Busker Soundcheck	9 p.m. Fri. Oct. 29	The Dungeon	\$4	345-2380
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Urb	9p.m. Sat. Oct. 30	Top of The Roc	\$3	348-8018
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Hit Gone Bad	11 a.m. Sat.. Oct. 30	Tailgate Field	free	
Promise Rinks	7 p.m. Sat.. Oct. 30	High Dive	\$8	356-2337



# Not even Ford, Pollack can save these 'Hearts'

by sean stangland  
Staff writer

The first 40 minutes of "Random Hearts" (rated R for no good reason I can discern) are outstanding. Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas are terrific as two people who discover that their spouses were having an affair with each other when the two adulterers die in a plane crash.

Then the two characters jaunt off to Miami together, and what develops is the most preposterous romance I've seen on the big screen in quite some time.

"Random Hearts" is based upon a best-selling novel of the same name by Warren Adler, and the screenplay is by Kurt Luedtke, who previously scribed 1985 Best Picture winner "Out of Africa." I am not sure which of these men is to blame for just how awful the resulting film is, but either way someone has some explaining to do.

Ford plays a cop named Dutch Van Den Broeck, a name so funny

that it should have been my first clue as to how bad the movie would be. The opening act of the film presents Ford with some very different territory for him to cover as an actor, and he definitely rises to the challenge. Ford does some of his best work to date in the beginning of the film.

Thomas plays Kay Chandler, a New Hampshire senator, and her acting is similarly good in the first act. She handles an American accent with ease and does well in playing a politician who must maintain a clean, appealing public image even during a time of crisis.

Then that damned plane crashes, and Van Den Broeck decides to track down the woman whose husband was sleeping with Mrs. Van Den Broeck. The early confrontational scenes work, but when Ford's obsessed character goes to Miami to see the condo where the couple stayed, the movie goes right down the toilet.

Wallowing in his depression, Van Den Broeck stays at the condo complex, drinking his sor-

rows away at the lobby bar. Who should happen to walk in? That's right, Kay Chandler. This is only the first of several head-scratching plot developments that don't ring true in any way.

The two take a walk around Miami, inspecting various nightclubs where the couple might have shared a night of wretched excess. They get on the plane back to New Hampshire, and naturally, Chandler needs a ride. Van Den Broeck obliges, and these two people that have absolutely nothing in common and no reason to like each other begin a make-out session that looks more painful than amorous.

The last hour-and-a-half of the movie basically deals with how these people can maintain a romantic relationship amongst an internal affairs investigation and a tricky reelection campaign, and I couldn't have cared less. There is a romantic interlude at a log cabin, cutesy dialogue that belongs in some teenage romance, Van Den Broeck's con-



Harrison Ford checks to see if Kristin Scott Thomas has any ears at all.  
photo courtesy of www.moviefanonline.com

stant obsession with the affair (there's actually one point in the middle of a date with Chandler when he says, "I wonder how they got their laundry done...") and an ending that manages to take place in an airport on Christmas. Need I go on?

This mess was directed by Sydney Pollack, who recently had a dynamite supporting turn in Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut," and he even has the gall to give himself a juicy supporting role as Chandler's spin doc-

tor. I expected much more from the director of "Out of Africa" and "Tootsie."

"Random Hearts" is long, boring, contrived and poorly written. How did they ever get top-name talent like Pollack, Ford and Thomas to work on it? Perhaps we'll never know.

"Random Hearts"  
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# The new 311 CD certainly doesn't 'Come Original'

by daniel g. fitzgerald  
Staff writer

311 has never been good, and their latest offering "Soundsystem" doesn't indicate any improvement. When, in 1996, 311 hit the mainstream with their eponymous breakthrough album, they rode the tail end of the alternative movement. Eclectic rock was the flavor of the month, and 311's repulsively catchy mishmash landed them in top rotation on MTV. Sure, it was dreck, but "311" came at just the right time. Things have changed since then. "Soundsystem," the Nebraska band's latest, faces a much different musical climate. The rap/metal/funk they stole from the Chili Peppers sounds quaint when compared with the hip-hop tinged garbage-metal of corporate "mallcore" acts like Korn, Limp Bizkit and their imitators. No longer trendy or even slightly innovative, 311's faults

can be ignored no longer. If "Soundsystem" were a horror flick, the title would be "It Came From the Bongwater." These lyrics are rife with ridiculous pot-logic positivity: "You will be immortal man/One in the hand...You found the cure/And Morse codes for rapture/Get with your rhythm/Get with your nature" ("Freeze Time"). The single "Come Original" proclaims, without irony, "If you're not original rockers you will get shot/Down by the kids neglectin' your art, the/stuff you did/Eventually it gets so bad puts you to bed." One can only hope. Sonically, this album attempts to groove and rock, all at the same time. The result is a smoldering heap of dull, white-guy reggae that sounds like it's been melded with Rush and '80s hair metal. Even worse, every track is scarily the same as all the others. One exception is "Life's Not a Race," which could easily be an outtake from Santana's lightweight, collaboration-heavy

comeback album currently on the top of the charts. 311's diverse influences lead them to desecrate nearly every single genre in popular music. 311's tiresome "Soundsystem" is an uninspiring romp in the Generation Y zeitgeist as evidenced by the silly pro-technology "Evolution," which extols the enormous benefits to be had if one plugs into the digital age. 311 are guilty of creating the lowest form of party rock. Offering even less insight than Kid Rock, 311 are a dismal, low-IQ version of the Beastie Boys. In short, this album is worthless, but it might make a good Birthday present for your 12-year-old brother.

"Soundsystem"  
311  
Capricorn Records  
★

# Primus returns with a little help from their friends

by matt rennels  
Staff writer

Hey kids, do you like Primus? If so, pick up their latest release, "Antipop," an album that stays true to their unique blend of metal and funk. And what can you expect on this album? Les Claypool, the bassist/lead singer displays his ingenious bass lines once again, while Brain, the drummer, keeps his cool and pumps out sensational funk rhythms. Although Larry, the guitarist, simply is not up to par on this album. "Antipop" is lacking his cartoon-like guitar licks that I had come to love on previous albums. "Antipop" is packed full of surprises, as Primus brings in a long line of cameos. For example, Metallica vocalist James Hetfield appears on "Eclectic Electric", a track that could be worthy of appearance on Pink Floyd's album, "The Wall." World-famous drummer

Steward Copeland produced "Dirty Drowning Man," which goes along the lines of several Police songs with a remarkable key change and a weak chorus. "South Park" creator Matt Stone and folk legend Tom Waits also produced a few tracks on the album. As the title strongly suggests, pop music fans should keep as far away from this album as possible. Don't expect to see Primus go on tour with N'Sync or Britney Spears any time soon. And if you are looking for an album with some deep, poetic lyrics, then "Antipop" is certainly not the way to go. Primus is certainly not about lyrics, and as for the album as a whole - it is the same old Primus, just a little bit heavier, and a little bit darker.

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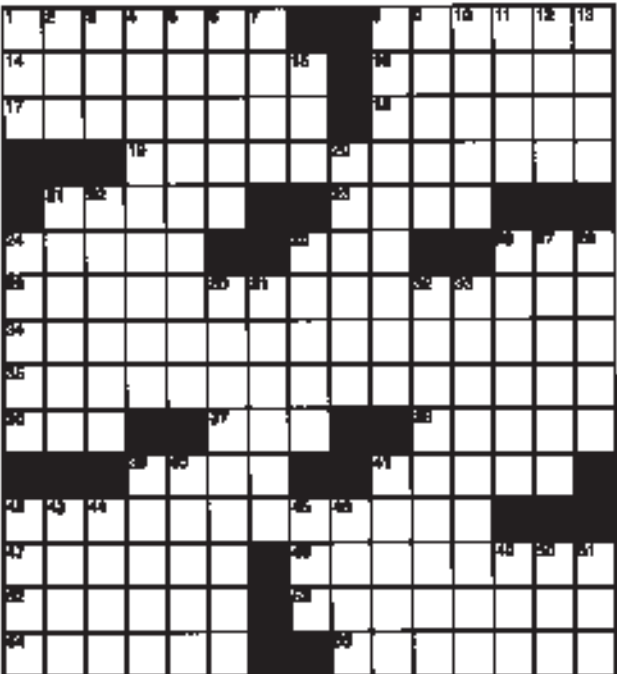
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# Chicago-based Rachel's shine in the 'Sea'

by stella link  
Staff writer

The orchestrated sounds of the band Rachel's makes their latest CD high on the list for those interested in mel-low sounds.

The new album, "The Sea and Bells," tells a story within itself, with crashing rhythms and soft violins playing out the storyline. Inside the CD, the remnants of poetry and liter-ature echo as reading material for any classical enthusiast.

Even the song titles tell significant details about the imaginary story, including such songs as "His Eyes" and "Lloyd's Register."

The album's packaging reflects the water-worn imagery of a parchment paper buried beneath the sea's depths. The album was inspired by the book, "The Sea and Bells," by Pablo Neurda.

"Rhine and Courtesan" starts the album with the

warmth and vibrancy of this Chicago-based group's feelings and emotions. The drum line and piano accompaniment add to the range of the song, with an interesting mix of vio-las, cellos, bass clarinets and others.

"The Voyage of Camille" portrays the light and loneli-ness of isolation in violas, violins, contrabass and cellos. "Tea Merchant" speaks out with piano keys and the use of an organ, with sounds like waves crashing in the background. It speaks of men's souls sinking to the bottom depths of the ocean floor as "being soaked in brine and foam."

"Lloyd's Register" speaks of the love the songwriter had for his wife Camille referred to in "The Voyage of Camille." He talks of the beauty of her hair and the lunar surface of her white skin like the love he lost.

Other songs such as "Cypress Branches," "Night at Sea," "To Rest Near You," "Letters Home" and "His Eyes" round up a line up of sad, melodramatic, marine tones. In "Her Eyes," he remembers Camille and finally reaches the light of her eyes in heaven, with their children beside her. He

finally can rest at peace for the last time and kiss her for the final moment in his life.

The poetry in the booklet along with the CD reads as a desired look at the sea depths and the feeling of being stranded among crashing waves. The poetry also shows how the writer struggles on the deck of a vessel that cov-ers him with a warm, inviting glow of light amidst the dark-ness of sea.

"The Sea and the Bells" is an emotional tribute toward the book and of Nerudas's vision. This album is good for any type of music listener, because it adds variety to their CD collection. For more information on Rachel's, visit the Web <http://imusic.com/showcase2/indie/music/rachels.html>.

"The Sea and Bells"  
Rachel's  
Quarterstick Records  
★★★

# New Dutch television and Internet show enjoys strange success

ALMERE, Netherlands (AP) — Ruud absent-mindedly sweeps the kitchen floor. A few minutes later, he takes out the trash. Bored, he lights a cigarette and sits down to strum his guitar.

And a million Dutch viewers, roughly one in 15 people, watch every tedious move.

This is "Big Brother," a new television and Internet show that's enjoying unprece-dented popularity and controversy with its unique approach to reality TV: nine strangers confined for 100 days in a house packed with surveillance gadgetry, all for a shot at fame and a \$120,000 prize.

"This type of show appeals to a certain sense of voyeurism in all of us, like listen-ing in on a nearby conversation or walking past a house and glancing in the window," said "Big Brother" executive producer Paul Romer. "There is something magical about being able to listen to and watch other people."

Drawing its name from George Orwell's classic novel, "1984," the show

takes the idea of an omnipresent Big Brother to the brink of the new millenni-um by isolating and continuously monitor-ing the participants from mid-September to New Year's Eve. There are nightly updates on TV and live Webcasts via an Internet site that has been swamped with more than 11 million hits since the show began.

With 24 cameras and 59 microphones placed throughout the house, even the bathroom is utterly devoid of privacy.

But there is a twist to this carefully constructed Orwellian world: Every few weeks, the participants nominate one or more of their fellow house mates to leave the Almere homestead, about 20 miles east of Amsterdam. The show's viewers have the final say on who gets the boot, and on Dec. 31 will select a winner from among the final three survivors.

While admitting the setup is "a little cruel," Romer said psychologists regularly were consulted during the show's three-year development, and the participants'

last names have been withheld to protect their identities.

Despite the show's competitive nature, Romer stressed the participants were instructed to "just be themselves."

"It is very much a mix of group psy-chology versus the individual," he said. "As a group, they must work together to sur-vive and get things done. But they also know that in the end there can be only one winner. You can feel and see these two ideas competing with each other."

Martin, 32, was the first to feel the wrath of these contradicting forces. After a failed attempt to thwart a budding romance between Bart, 23, and Sabine, 25, Martin's popularity took a nosedive, and he was voted out after less than two weeks on the show.

But even for a loser, there are perks. Martin entered the house an anonymous citizen and left a celebrity sought after for interviews and TV appearances.

"It's been a big surprise," he said. "It's very strange, of course, like being in a

whole new world."

"Big Brother" is produced by Endemol, a Dutch entertainment company, and airs on the youth-oriented Veronica network. Now that it has snagged 40 percent of viewers in the 20-34 age bracket, other stations are scrambling to get in on the action.

One rival network even sent its own celebrity reporter parachuting behind enemy lines, handing out candy and beer to the surprised "Big Brother" inhabitants.

The show has inspired fan clubs and attracted international attention. Networks in Canada, Spain, Denmark, Italy, Germany, England and Sweden already have expressed interest in "Big Brother" spin-offs, Romer said.

CBS recently announced plans to air its own "reality adventure" next sum-mer. "Survivor" will send 16 strangers to an uninhabited island in the South China Sea, where they'll gradually be voted off by viewers until a single winner remains to claim a \$1 million prize.

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# 'American Beauty' gives Spacey his best role to date

by **sean stangland**  
Staff writer

Kevin Spacey is arguably the greatest actor of the '90s. He frightened us in "Seven," mystified us in "The Usual Suspects" and made us never want to work in Hollywood in "Swimming With Sharks." In Sam Mendes' "American Beauty" (rated R for nudity and vulgarity), he outdoes himself dramatically and comedically, giving the best performance of the year.

Spacey plays Lester Burnham, a role likely to become as much of a signature for Spacey as Jack Torrance is for Jack Nicholson or Don Corleone is for Marlon Brando. Lester serves as the film's narrator and tells us right off the bat that he will be dead by the end of the movie. This may seem anticlimactic, but part of the movie's attraction lies in discovering just how Lester's going to get it.

Spacey plays Lester as the most pathetic person possible. He has a high-paying job, a perfect white house in suburbia, a beautiful wife and a teenage daughter; he couldn't care less. Lester doesn't have fun anymore, his wife and his kid hate him and he admits that his round of self-pleasuring in the shower each morning is his favorite part of the day.

Then Lester sees Angela (Mena Suvari of "American Pie"), one of his daughter's friends, cheerleading at

halftime of a high school basketball game. Instantly, Lester knows what he needs to inject the verve back into his life. He becomes obsessed with the idea of sexually conquering the young girl; insert your obvious connection to "Lolita" here.

Though Lester's indecent infatuation is certainly the impetus for the film's story, it is hardly the only important facet of the narrative. Lester's wife, Carolyn (Annette Benning), struggles with her adulterous tendencies and her feelings of inadequacy. His daughter, Jane (Thora Birch), finds love with the new neighbors' son, Ricky (newcomer Wes Bentley). To delve further into these plot points here would tell too much about the film, except to say that the entire Burnham family somehow finds a way to feel free and alive once again, even if it only leads to certain doom.

What is most amazing about "American Beauty" is the fact that it is the product of a first-time director and a first-time feature screenwriter. Sam Mendes, whose heritage is as a theatre director, delivers a nearly flawless film. It masterfully blends dark comedy, drama and tragedy into a wholly satisfying movie that will likely garner its share of Oscar nominations.

The script by Alan Ball is similarly sharp. He certainly gives Kevin Spacey the juiciest role of his career, one that

allows him to utilize all of his talents to create one of the most likable characters in a long time. We want to see Lester triumph over his wife, his job, even his own existence in a way.

One of the film's defining moments comes about halfway through; Lester quits his job and blackmails his boss into giving him a year's salary. He buys a 1971 Corvette because "it's the car I always wanted." His wife is incensed; "I rule," Lester proclaims, raising his fist in victory. This is the kind of character Lester becomes. He wants to make the most out of life; have fun. Making a lot of money and living in a nice house do not constitute having a good life. I can get behind that message.

So "American Beauty," though very tragic by the picture's end, is ultimately a life-affirming piece. There is a moment of sheer brilliance when Ricky - who videotapes nearly everything he does - shows Jane a video of the most beautiful thing he has ever seen. It is an empty plastic bag, getting tossed around by a cool breeze. Though this idea sounds silly at first, it moved me to tears; it is a beautiful epiphany in a movie full of them.

"American Beauty"  
Dreamworks SKG  
★ ★ ★ ★



Top: Annette Benning dances to the Vengaboys while Kevin Spacey pumps his fist to the beat.



Left: Mena Suvari says, "Screw J. Crew I'm wearin' roses!"

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